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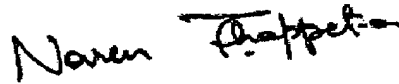
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Art Unit: 2643

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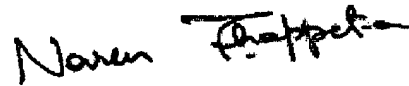
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- [x] Request to Consider Previous Transmitted Response, but not Received in the PTO, as  
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Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

I, the undersigned attorney, respectfully state as follows:

1. I transmitted an Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 (13 Pages) (hereafter "missing response") by facsimile to (703) 872-9306 (then valid/correct central facsimile number) on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2005. Efax service (the details are available at [www.efax.com](http://www.efax.com)) was used for this purpose. A copy of the transmitted document (missing response) is appended hereto.

2. I promptly received a confirmation by email ("email confirmation") from Efax service indicating that the document was successfully transmitted to the USPTO. A copy of the email confirmation is attached hereto.

3. Efax service enables a user to specify a user reference along with each fax sought to be transmitted using the service. The Efax service then includes the specified user reference at the end of the email. I had provided a reference number including the USPTO's serial number and my docket number. The resulting serial number is shown at the end of the email confirmation, which confirms that the 13 page facsimile was related to the subject patent application.

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4. The missing response also included the certificate of transmission as specified in MPEP § 512 according to 37 CFR § 1.8.

5. I had received a call from Examiner Tran on January 10, 2006 wishing to check the status of the response. I checked the USPTO provided Private Side of the PAIR system to notice that the response was not received by the USPTO.

6. I promptly forwarded a copy of the missing response and the email confirmation to Examiner Tran. I then called Examiner Tran on January 12, 2006 to check the appropriate next steps, who advised that the formal procedure be followed to re-submit the response.

Based on the above, it is believed that the missing response is to be accorded a receipt date of July 5 2005.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.

It is respectfully requested that the missing response be entered with a receipt date of July 5 2005, and examination of the subject patent application be continued. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at 707.356.4172 if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,



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